



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

The Official Newsletter of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table, Inc.

APRIL 2010

ABOUT OUR MAY PROGRAM & SPEAKER

On Wednesday, May 12th, at 6:45pm, Dr. Peter S. Carmichael will present a lecture on Confederate William Wagner's experience during the Gettysburg Campaign based upon letters that he wrote to his wife. He will discuss why ordinary Confederate soldiers remained loyal to the cause despite doubt, how they expressed their dissatisfaction with the army, and how they tried to balance family and community obligations with duty to their nation. For the morning-after session on Thursday, May 13th, Professor Carmichael will present his very enjoyable program on the Confederate/Union Generals set into an NFL All-Star format.

Dr. Peter S. Carmichael is the Eberly Professor of Civil War Studies in the Department of History at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. He received his B.A degree in 1988 from Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, IN and his M.A. (1992) and Ph.D. (1996) from Pennsylvania State University.

THE 2009 – 2010 LECTURE SERIES - PRELUDE TO THE CIVIL WAR

The Program Committee is pleased to be able to offer the following presentations during the current program year:

September 9, 2009-6:45pm--An Intense Look at the Institution of Slavery in South Carolina

Jim Jordan, our fellow LCWRT member from Callawassie Island, has agreed to present a lecture on slavery—its importance and impact on the Beaufort County Society. Mr. Jordan is well known for his work on tours and lectures for the Savannah Grays.

October 14, 2009-6:45pm--Prewar Formative Years of the Important Generals in the Civil War

Jack Waugh will travel from Texas to present a lecture on the most important generals of the North and South in their formative years prior to the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. Mr. Waugh is a nationally known historian who authored the fantastic Class of 1846.

November 11, 2009-6:45pm--The Rise of Abraham Lincoln 1848-1860

Jim Getty will revisit our Round Table on this 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. We should enthusiastically welcome President Lincoln, who will be accompanied by our local militia, back to the Lowcountry. The topic of the discussion will be Lincoln 1848-1860.

*January 13, 2010-6:45pm--John Brown—The First Terrorist - **RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 12, 2011***

Bud Robertson will present a timely lecture on the incredibly controversial figure of John Brown. You will be able to follow this most famous Abolitionist from his Connecticut childhood to the bloody activities in Kansas to his final confrontation with Col. Robert E. Lee in Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

*February 10, 2010-6:45pm--The Fire-eaters and Their Contribution to Secession Fever--**TO BE RESCHEDULED***

As a complement to our January program, Jack Davis will present a program on the Fire-eaters and their contributions to the fermentation of the secessionist fever that infected the South.

March 10, 2010-6:45pm--Dahlgren's Raid on Richmond

Ed Bearss will present a lecture on Dahlgren's raid on Richmond. This cavalry raid was to terrorize Richmond, but was it its intent to follow Lincoln's wish and assassinate Jefferson Davis? Mr. Bearss will also explore the relationship that Lincoln had with Dahlgren's father. So, get ready all you conspiracy theorists for this out-of-sequence lecture.

April 14, 2010-6:45pm—"A Rich Man's Fight and A Poor Man's War"

Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean from the University of North Florida will draw on Civil War soldiers' letters and journals to explain their motivations for fighting in the war. He will explore how the non-slaveholding soldier understood the war, why he enlisted and generally stayed in the Confederate Army under worse than awful conditions on the battlefield and at home.

May 12, 2010-6:45pm-- A Confederate Soldier's Perspective on the Civil War

Dr. Peter Carmichael will present a lecture on Confederate William Wagner's experience during the Gettysburg Campaign based upon letters that he wrote to his wife. He will discuss why ordinary Confederate soldiers remained loyal to the cause despite doubt, how they expressed their dissatisfaction with the army, and how they tried to balance family and community obligations with duty to their nation.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was not that long ago when we were just getting underway in September with our new Program Season, and here we are at the final program for the 2009-2010 lecture series. As I look back on this year, I am so proud, grateful, and sincerely thankful for a job “well done” by all those who labored so diligently to make this a banner year. We should all express a very sincere “thank you” to our three outgoing members of the Executive Committee—Johanna Verwer, Anne Hamilton, and Mike Lavelle—who have so unselfishly contributed an incredible amount of service and dedication to the Round Table that we will be indebted and grateful to them forever.

Recognition must also be given to the Program and Communications Committees who labored tirelessly through some unexpected circumstances to produce our eight interesting and sometimes controversial programs. Special thanks to Chris Clayton and Bob Eberly who stepped up at the last moment and presented us with great programs. Finally, I wish to thank Dale Conrad for discovering Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean who gave an excellent April program. We will definitely have him return!

At the beginning of June, the newly appointed Executive Committee will immediately begin working on the 2010-2011 program year. At the top of the list will be a discussion about our monthly dinners. Attendance at these dinners has been quite disappointing to say the least. Well over one hundred members on average elect to forgo our dinners but attend the lectures. The Executive Committee realizes that a change is needed, and we will keep you informed on any decisions. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any thoughts that you might have pertaining to this issue.

Finally, please make a sincere effort to attend the May program. Before we welcome back the fabulously entertaining Dr. Peter Carmichael, you will be asked to vote on next year’s Slate of Officers and to collectively applaud the outgoing members of this year’s Executive Committee who so much deserve our thanks for their contributions to the Round Table. Thanks for a great year and have a wonderful summer!

If you have any questions or want to express your opinions, call me at 843-671-2236 or e-mail me at jmonkaitis@aol.com.
Thank you. *John Monkaitis*

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011
 Please **Print** All Information Below

Last Name	First Name	Badge Nickname
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Your E-Mail is very important to us and we will keep it confidential.

Check YES & Help us save money! I want my monthly Newsletter E-MAILED to me rather than Delivered/Mailed YES _____ NO _____

New Enlistment (DISCOUNTED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO NEW ENLISTMENTS):

Single: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Annual Membership \$30.00 = \$55.00 _____

Household: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership \$45.00 = \$80.00 _____

Reenlistment - - Current Members Only:

Single: _____ Annual Membership: \$30.00 _____

Household: _____ Annual Membership: \$45.00 _____

We always need/solicit volunteers to continue making the LCWRT successful. **Please check the area(s) for which you’d like to volunteer:**

- ___ Program Committee: select topics & speakers ___ Maintain Membership (requires a computer) ___ Editor of the Minié Ball (requires a computer)
- ___ Assist Minié Ball Editor ___ Prepare Membership Pamphlet ___ Help distribute the Minié Ball ___ Historian ___ Work at Club Fair
- ___ Treasurer ___ Secretary ___ President ___ Collect dinner reservations ___ Hand out dinner tickets ___ Collect Dinner Tickets
- ___ Hospitality Greeter ___ Check in New Members & Guests ___ Tally Program Attendance ___ Set up Dinner menu

Mail to or Leave in “lower” box:

Make Check Payable to: **LCWRT Inc**

Jim and Nancy Alt

21 Trescot Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909

Any question, please call

Jim or Nancy Alt at 705-3974

MAY “MORNING AFTER” PROGRAM

The Thursday, May 13th, “Morning After” program featuring Prof. Dr. Peter Carmichael is to be held at the Palmetto Electric Cooperative facility at the New River Center on Hwy 278 near the Hardeeville Walmart at 10:00 a.m.

PROPOSED 2010-2011 LCWRT SLATE OF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - John Monkaitis
Vice-President - Chris Clayton
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Program - Dale Conrad
Communication - Mike Vezeau
Membership - Allan Shoenberger
Hospitality - Katherine Eberly

SPECIAL REQUEST

Great opportunity to assist the LCWRT. We're looking for a volunteer with knowledge of/experience with Microsoft Excell spreadsheets to maintain the LCWRT membership list. The basic spreadsheet is used to do Name Tags, the Mailing labels, and as a source for maintaining the ISLC LCWRT on-line e-mail address list. We would provide a flash/thumb drive with the current spreadsheets and Jim Alt, our current volunteer, would provide enough information and assistance to assure that the NEW volunteer would be successful. We encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering to call Jim Alt, 705-3974, for more info.

GOLDEN CORRAL'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010

MAY DINNER

Bourbon St. Chicken & Tilapia Lemonada

Steamed Broccoli & Seasoned Carrots

Baked Macaroni and Cheese

Rice Pilaf

House Salad with Choice of Four Dressings

Yeast Rolls with Honey Butter

Fresh Cut-up Fruit

Yellow Cupcakes with Chocolate Icing

Coconut Pie

Unsweetened Tea, Lemonade, and Decaffeinated Coffee

The cost for dinner is \$14 per person, which includes taxes and gratuities

An additional guest charge of \$10 per person to attend the lecture is due and payable at the door

Reservations are required ONLY for Dinner

And MUST be received BY MONDAY, May 10, 2010

----- Clip & Submit with your check -----

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2010

Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: _____ @ \$14 each = _____ Member Phone #: _____

Member # 1 Name _____

Member # 2 Name _____

Guest: _____ [Please pay guest charge at the door]

Guest: _____ [Please pay guest charge at the door]

List Guests on additional paper if necessary.

Make check for *dinner only* payable to **LCWRT Inc.** and mail together with this form to:

Jim Hamilton
15 Walden Lane
Bluffton, SC 29909
Telephone: 843-705-7575

----- Clip & Submit with your check -----

**We thank Palmetto Electric Cooperative and Honey Horn Plantation
for the use of their facilities for our "Morning After" sessions.**

LCWRT JUNE 1, 2009 – MAY 31, 2010

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